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1. AS FORESEEN IN REFTELS, CHANCELLOR KREISKY ON AUGUST 16 ANNOUNCED FOLLOWING CABINET APPOINTMENTS (INCUMBENTS IN PARENS): FINANCE MINISTER HANNES ANDROSCH TO BE ALSO VICE CHANCELLOR (RUDOLF HAEUSER); WILLIBALD PAHR, FOREIGN MINISTER (ERICH BIELKA); GERHARD WEISSENBERG, MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS (RUDOLF HAEUSER); GUNTER HAIDEN, MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (OSKAR WEIHS); AND ALBIN SCHOBER, STATE SECRETARY IN MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (GUNTER HAIDEN). ALL APPOINTMENTS ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY SOCIALIST PARTY BOARD, WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO MEET SEPTEMBER 9. APPROVAL IS CERTAIN.

2. ONLY SURPRISE WAS APPOINTMENT OF SCHOBER, A 38-YEAR OLD FARMER FROM CARINTHIA, AS STATE SECRETARY. HE WAS FORMERLY MEMBER OF FREEDOM PARTY WHO SWITCHED TO SOCIALIST PARTY AND HAS SERVED SIX YEARS AS SOCIALIST MEMBER OF CARINTHIAN PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE. SCHOBER'S APPOINTMENT IS GENERALLY REGARDED AS SOCIALIST EFFORT TO PENETRATE SOCIO-ECONOMIC GROUP
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THAT HAS BEEN ALMOST EXCLUSIVE PEOPLE'S PARTY PERSERVE.

3. AS DEPARTMENT AND USUN ARE AWARE, FOREIGN
MINISTER DESIGNATE PAHR IS CURRENTLY IN NEW YORK
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